

The present international conference, "Modern Science and Moral Values," is the second meeting of the "International Conference on the Unity of Sciences" which was held in New York during November 1972. When we speak of the "unity of sciences," we do not merely mean the coherency among the various laws and principles of the natural sciences. Rather, we speak of the ideal of a methodological unity which embraces not only the natural sciences but also the humanities and the social sciences.

Perhaps the foremost reason we strive to achieve such a goal today is due to the various crises of an environmental nature which we of the world confront. These crises are of such a nature that they cannot be successfully overcome unless we integrate into one body analyses of the causative factors, scientific methodologies of the corrective means, and social policies that are born of this theory and practice.

It is common that social policy, in practice, bears close relationship with the values of the period, and existing value systems should never be ignored. The path we must choose to solve the crises before us is, accordingly, one which strives to create a better set of coordinates relating modern science and the moral values associated with it, and which does so by working from the discontinuity presently existing between the two.

The people of the world must strive to discover an

answer to this most fundamental problem, and it is our hope that this conference will provide a place where all peoples can find a common ground for transcending their differences, whether due to discrepant cultural traditions or to divergent ideologies, and work together on this problem hand in hand.